

VZCZCXYZ0010
OO RUEHWEB

DE RUEHSO #0072 0281936
ZNR UUUUU ZZH
O 281934Z JAN 10
FM AMCONSUL SAO PAULO
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0329
INFO RHEHAAA/NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WASHINGTON DC IMMEDIATE
RUEHBR/AMEMBASSY BRASILIA IMMEDIATE
RUEHRG/AMCONSUL RECIFE
RUEHRI/AMCONSUL RIO DE JANEIRO
RUEHSO/AMCONSUL SAO PAULO

UNCLAS SAO PAULO 000072

SIPDIS
STATE INR/R/MR
IIP/R/MR
WHA/PD
DEPT PASS USTR
4322/MAC/OLAC/JAFEE

E.O. 12958: N/A
TAGS: [OPRC](#) [OIIP](#) [BR](#) [XM](#) [XR](#) [KMDR](#)
SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: BRAZIL'S ROLE IN HAITI

Gaseous Diplomacy

Article in liberal Folha de S. Paulo (1-28) by Janio de Freitas states: "The solution to the provocation, supposedly diplomatic, had an even worse result. Trying to lessen the negative repercussions of the initiative to distribute food and water in front of U.S. troops.....some Americans were called to join the Brazilians in a new round of distribution. The impromptu act provoked a run from desperate people. And there was such tumult that Brazilian troops.....used pepper spray and tear gas to contain the crowd. The idea [of distributing food] attributed to Foreign Minister Celso Amorim while passing through Haiti revisits improper and even irregular procedures for the Brazilian troops. The function designated by the UN for Brazil is to provide security while working together with troops from other countries under the mandate of MINUSTAH."
White